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Just FYI, from June 14 OCIR State & Local Report:

AA Stoner Meets with Mayor Hopkins (Fairbanks, North Star, Alaska)

Mayor Luke Hopkins met on Tuesday, June 11 with Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Eric Bissonette, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, and OIR staff to discuss contamination of sulfolane in groundwater near the North Pole Refinery. Region X participated in the meeting by telephone.

Mayor Hopkins is especially concerned with cleaning up the existing plume around the refinery and with the public health threat posed to the community by continued contamination. He is interested in funding to address this problem. The State Department of Environmental Conservation is the lead on the final clean-up agreement. The Mayor was advised about the Alaska Native Villages Program, which is funded at approximately \$10 million annually. He also received guidance on how the city might access funds through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Region X will continue to work with Mayor Hopkins on his concerns, and the Mayor and his team will also continue to work with the State as appropriate.

Profile: Fairbanks North Star Borough's boundaries are coterminous with that of the [Metropolitan Statistical Area](#), and the borough's land area is slightly smaller than that of the state of [New Jersey](#). As of 2010 the population was 97,581, while the 2011 population estimate for the Fairbanks North Star Borough was 99,192. The borough seat is the incorporated city of [Fairbanks](#). (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon)